Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) 23 attacks and 22 deaths including one case in Vadakarapadi imported from Coimbatore District.

(*b*) Preventive inoculation; rat destruction; rat-trapping; cyanogassing rat burrows and grains in infected godowns; observation work to prevent importation of infection; disinfection of infected houses, etc.

(*c*) There are neither rat-falls nor human attacks now. The last human attack was on 18th Vrischigam 1119/4th December 1943 and the last positive rat-fall on 22nd Dhanu 1119/6th January 1944.

(*d*) All the villages in Chittur Taluk excluding the villages of Nemmara, Vallangi, Pothundi, Ayalur, Tiruvaliad and Kaiaradi were kept under observation as per notification, dated 14th October 1943/28th Kanni 1119. Since this notification authorises the department to carry out all the required preventive measures, no further notification declaring "as infected" some of these villages "under observation" when human attacks were reported from them, was considered necessary.

(*e*) There were 4 attacks and 3 deaths in Kolinjampara village. The necessary preventive measures were adopted.

(*f*), (*g*) & (*h*) The Municipalities are to report promptly the incidence of epidemic diseases to the Government and copies to the Director of Public Health and Panchayats. Under the Plague, Small-pox, and Cholera Regulations. The Department of Public Health and Panchayats is solely responsible for the control of epidemic diseases. On receipt of information regarding epidemic diseases in the municipalities, it is the duty of the department to call for details of the preventive measures taken and to advise the municipalities about the measures to be adopted. If proper remedial measures are not adopted, the department reports such cases to the Government with recommendations for further action.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* Were there 22 indigent cases?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* Yes: That is the answer.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* Who superintendents the work?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* The local Sanitary Inspector is in charge of the whole work and the Epidemic Officer visits the place and gives instructions.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* May I know how many times the Epidemic Officer has visited the place?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* To give the exact number of visits, I want notice.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* Did the Government know that there was a case of plague in the Chittur Town?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* I want notice.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* Notice has been given. There was a case of plague.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* The answer does not deny that.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* I never said that. Did the Hon'ble Minister get information that there was such a case in the Chittur town also?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* May be.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* Did the Department call for details from the Chittur [Chairman?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* The answer pertains to the action taken by the department in the Chittur Taluk. If the Hod'ble Member wants information as to what action was taken within the municipality I want notice.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* The Government had ordered that the Municipality should inform the Government as well as the Public Health Director.

Mr. President: Order. Order. The Hon'ble Minister has already said that as regards the plague in the Chittur Municipality he is not able to give any information without notice. It is no use going on asking question after question when the Hon'ble Minister said that he has not the information. He has given information about the Chittur Taluk. If the Hon'ble Member wishes to get information regarding the Municipality he must give notice.

AGE OF OFFICERS—CIVIL LIST—CORRECTION OF

269. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Government has issued an order within the last two years to correct the ages of their officers, if the age in the service register or Civil List is not correct;

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(*b*) if so, will Government be pleased to print and place that Government order on the table;

(*c*) the names of the officers who have corrected their names in response to that order of the Government;

(*d*) the action which the Government is going to take if any Government servant continue to have the incorrect age in future ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) A copy of Circular No. D. Dis. 15578/18, dated 8th March 1943, F. D. is appended. *(See Appendix II)*

(*c*) The following officers have corrected their age.—

1. S. Krishna Ayyar, Teacher, H. S. Nemmara.
2. Dr. K. Sumitra, Assistant Surgeon, Medical Department.
3. M. T. Kannan Menon, Clerk, do.
4. P. Ukkandaunni Nayar, Public Works Department.
5. T. V. Doraswamy Moopen do.
6. P. Sankaran Namboodiri do.
7. V. Vavutty do.
8. K. Raman Menon, Copyist, Magisterial Department.
9. K. Achyuta Pisharodi, Auditor, Office of the Comptroller of Finance and Accounts.

(*d*) Please see the last sentence of paragraph 1 of the circular.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North)*: May I know whether in any of these instances the age given originally was less than the corrected one?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* I want notice.

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* In the case of this Achutha Pisharoti, No. 9, it was corrected like that.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* In the case of Ukkandanunni Nayar also it was so.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* With regard to the others, *i.e.*, 1 to 8?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* I want notice.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Was it less than the actual age or more than the actual age?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* More in a few cases.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know what action the Government is going to take to find out whether their officers have given the correct age or not? I don't think these are the only officers who have given an incorrect age.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* The Government do not propose to take any definite action unless it is shown to them or unless there is sufficient ground to believe that any officer has given the wrong age.

Mr.C.V.Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Cannot the Government ask them to produce their School Final Certificates?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* Wherever possible it is being done and all possible checks are done even now and before also.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* That is when they are first entertained in service. Since the Government have issued such an order and since the number of government officers who have given intimation to the Government that the ages given were incorrect, amounting not even to 10, cannot the Government do well to circularise all these officers to produce their date of birth according to the matriculation or school final certificate?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* Some people may have lost their certficates. Suppose a man is 48 or 49 now and he joined service when he was 23 or 24 We cannot expect that he would have got the old matriculation certificate with him.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* It can be got from the university.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* To write to the University with regard to all the officers in the State and verify their ages will be absolutely impossible. It is rather a difficult matter.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* I assert that most of the officers have not given the correct age and of them, only 9 persons have corrected their ages. The officers concerned must get it from the University and produce it before the Government.

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Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural)* :Was the officer who had got into service by giving a lower age benefited by it?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* At the age of 25 there is the age bar. Suppose an officer who is actually 26 gives the age as 24 and gets into the service. It benefits him. The Hon'ble Member is presuming too much when he says that all the officers have given incorrect ages. If there is sufficient reason to believe that A, B or C has done that then we will take action.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North):* Was any explanation called for from these people for the mistake committed?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* No.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North):* Why?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* The Government did not consider it necessary to call for explanations in these cases. As a matter of fact, the circular itself ays that if anybody has committed a mistake he may correct it within one year.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: സർ, ഈ സർക്കുലർ അനുസരിച്ചു വയസ്സ് ൽ പേർ മാത്രമേ കറക്ട് ചെയ്തതായി കാണുന്നുള്ളൂ. വേറെയും ആളുകൾ സർവ്വീസിൽ ഉണ്ടെന്നു ഗവ ൺമെണ്ടിനറിയാമൊ?

രാമവർമ്മതമ്പുരാൻ: ഇല്ലെന്നാണ അറിവ്. ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട മെംബറന്മാരൊ വേറേ ആരെങ്കിലുമോ അങ്ങിനെയുണ്ടെന്നു അറിയിച്ചാൽ അന്വേഷണം നടത്താം.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: ഇവിടത്തെ ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാരൊക്കെ കൊച്ചി രാജ്യത്തിൽ പഠിച്ചവരായതുകൊണ്ടു അവരുടെ അഡ്മിഷൻ റജിസ്റ്റർ നോക്കിയാൽ അറിയുമതെ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* To get the admission registers of 20 or 30 years and then to check them with the ent ies in the service books is rather an impracticable proposition.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ് പണിക്കർ: ഒരു കമ്മിറ്റിയെ വെയ്ക്കാൻ വിരോധമുണ്ടൊ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secertary to Government):* No; No.

Mr. K. S. Panicker *(Ezhuvas-Mukumdapuram):* There is a resolution in the agenda.

മിസ്റ്റർ എം. കൃഷ്ണമേനോൻ: ഗവൺമെണ്ടിന്റെ ദൃഷ്ടിയിൽ ഏതെങ്കിലും ഒരു ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്റെ വയസ്സു തെറ്റാണെന്നു അറിയാൻ കഴിഞ്ഞിട്ടുണ്ടൊ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secertary to Government):* Not to my knowledge.

SHORANUR-COCHIN RAILWAY

270. Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)* Will Government be pleased to state whether the Shoranur Cochin Railway is the property of the Cochin State?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* Yes.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* who is the owner of the rolling stock?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secertary to Government):* The rolling stock is taken on hire. After the railway was changed from metre gage into broad gage it was thought that better for the Government to take the rolling stock on hire.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* In whom does the ownership of the property vest?

Ram Varmha Tampuran *(Secertary to Government):* The railway property, the railway line, all these are Government property.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* How many engines are owned by the Government.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secertary to Government):* As I said before all the rolling stock is the property of the South Indian Railway Co.

CASES OF SMUGGLING

271. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) what is the number of cases of smuggling detected by the preventive staff of the Government in 1119 thus far;

(*b*) what is the quantity of food stuff involved in each of the detected cases;

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APPENDIX II
(See Answer to Question No. 269)

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THE HUZUR SECRETARIAT
FINANCE DEPARTMENT
Dated 8th March 1943

CIRCULAR No. 26/18

Government servants—Age noted in service Records—Correction of

It is of the utmost importance that the age entered by Government servants in their service records should be correct. If in any case it has been incorrectly noted, it is essential that the mistake should be rectified immediately. Government are pleased to grant one year's time from now to have the mistakes, if any, corrected. If mistakes are found out after this date, Government will take strong disciplinary action and the pensions of officers may also be affected.

2. Heads of Departments and offices are directed to issue instructions in the matter to all subordinates and arrange for the necessary corrections, wherever they are called for, made promptly. Corrections should be made only on proper evidence and after taking Government sanction.

(By order of the Government of Cochin)
RAMA VARMHA TAMPURAN
Secretary to Government

To

The Heads of Departments
„ Judges of the High Court. (with C.L.)
„ Departments of the Secretariat

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